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Mr. Patrick Palmersheim  
Executive Director  
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Camp Dodge, Building A6A  
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Dear Mr. Palmersheim:

I am pleased to extend recognition to the Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs as a State organization for purposes of preparation, presentation, and prosecution of claims under laws administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). This recognition is accorded pursuant to 38 U.S.C. § 5902(a)(1) and 38 C.F.R. § 14.628(b) and is solely for the purpose of representation of claimants before this Department. This recognition will take effect immediately upon the date of this letter.

I look forward to a productive relationship between VA and your organization in service to our Nation's veterans and their families.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R. J. Nicholson", is written over a horizontal line.

R. James Nicholson

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## October – 2007

### Fall School of Instruction

This year's school was the most attended in recent memory, with 163 Commissioners, Directors, and Administrators attending, representing 84 counties. The department was encouraged with the turnout and the discussions that occurred during the two and a half day event.

The Fall School of Instruction took place from October 16<sup>th</sup> through the 18<sup>th</sup>. Tuesday began with introductions of department staff and updates on the new County Grant Program, Regional Offices Feasibility Study, Veterans Trust Fund Rules, Veterans Commemorative Property Rules, Iowa Veterans Cemetery progress, Vietnam Bonus, and the Veterans Need Study. Don Tyne addressed the counties as outgoing President of the County Association and Darlene McMartin spoke as the President of the National Association. Other speakers in the morning included Dan Steen, Commandant of the Iowa Veterans Home, Lisa Breun from the VA Regional Office, Tony Smithhart from the US Department of Labor, and Jan Garner from Iowa DHS presented on Medicaid.

Following lunch on the first day, Commissioners were addressed on Iowa Code Chapter 35B and were updated on county issues and legislative priorities.

At the same time, Directors and Administrators had presentations on women's issues from Elizabeth Ledvina and a representative from the Iowa City Medical Center. Following that, there was a presentation on OEF/OIF issues from the VA Medical Centers and a compensation and pension overview from the VA Regional Office.



*Don Tyne and Linda Schutz (Linn County), Susan Yario (Jones County), and John Hintz (Fayette County) waking up before the morning session.*

Wednesday was a day of breakout sessions, where two groups of experienced Directors and Administrators rotated between a class on pension and compensation and a class on the appeals process.

New county staff received training in the provision of services to veterans in their office. This training was lead by Bob Steben, John Halstead, David Heim, all from IDVA, and Elizabeth Ledvina from Tama County.



*County Directors and Administrators prepare for the afternoon class.*





*Day two breakout sessions with the VA Regional Office on pension and compensation (above) and appeals (below).*



*Class of instruction for new County Directors and Administrators.*

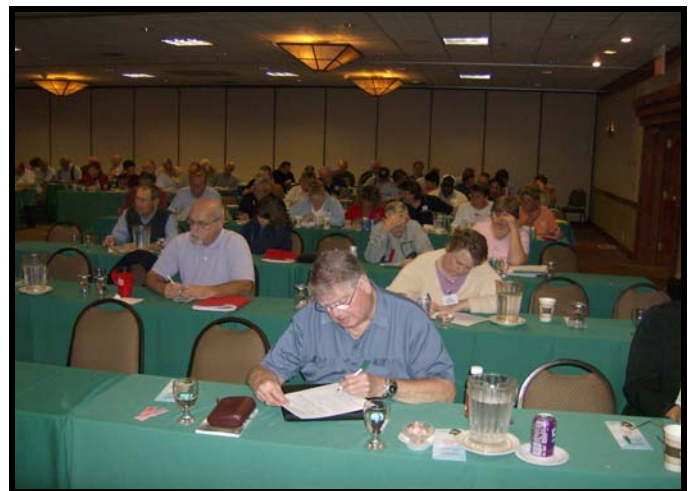
*(right) Taking the annual exam for certification and saying goodbye until the spring.*

On Thursday, the school concluded with a presentation from the medical facilities servicing Iowa veterans. Following the presentation, Directors and Administrators then broke into four groups to hold conversations with their individual hospitals.



*Break out session with a VA Hospital.*

Finally, the school of instruction ended with a final exam and Directors and Administrators providing feedback on the event. ~



## New County Association Officers

Following the first day of the school, the Iowa Association of County Commissioners of Veterans Affairs meet in district meetings and an annual business meeting. During these meetings, new officers and district directors were elected. The new positions are as follows:

### Officers:

**President** - Elizabeth Ledvina, Tama

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President** - John Hintz, Fayette

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President** - Dana Evans, Cherokee

**Secretary** - Louise Galbraith, Crawford

**Treasurer** - Patty Hamann, Cedar

**Historian** - Michelle Fitzgibbons, Dubuque

**Sergeant At Arms** - Ron Hersom, Palo Alto

**Chaplain** - Ernie Cupp, Dickinson

**Past President** - Don Tyne, Linn

### District Directors

**1<sup>st</sup> District** - Sue Rich, Washington

**2<sup>nd</sup> District** - Patti Meyer, Buchanan

**3<sup>rd</sup> District** - Marci Hall-Jacobsen, Floyd

**4<sup>th</sup> District** - Mike Kuhn, Marion

**5<sup>th</sup> District** - Larry Sundall, Emmet

**6<sup>th</sup> District** - Joan Waller, Clay

**7<sup>th</sup> District** - Jerry Hansen, Montgomery



*New Board Officers and District Directors.*

*Front* - Don Tyne (Linn). *Second (l-r)* - Patti Meyer (Buchanan), Patty Hamann (Cedar), Joan Waller (Clay). *Third (l-r)* - Elizabeth Ledvina (Tama), Louise Galbraith (Crawford), Ernie Cupp (Dickinson), Michelle Fitzgibbons (Dubuque), Sue Rich (Washington), Jerry Hansen (Montgomery). *Back (l-r)* - John Hintz (Fayette), Marci Hall-Jacobsen (Floyd), Dana Evans (Cherokee), Larry Sundall (Emmet), Ron Hersom (Palo Alto). *Not pictured* - Mike Kuhn (Marion).

## Veterans Commemorative Property Rules Update

IDVA has completed the administrative rules pertaining to the sale, trade, or transfer of memorials that are at least 75 years and placed in cemeteries to commemorate veterans.

The proposed rules were submitted to the State of Iowa on October 4, 2007 and will be published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on October 24<sup>th</sup>. Persons interested in commenting on the proposed rules can contact IDVA or attend a public hearing at Camp Dodge on November 13<sup>th</sup> from 3-4 pm.

Following the public hearing, input generated will be looked at for incorporation. The final rules will then be adopted and filed on November 30<sup>th</sup> and effective on January 23, 2008. ~



*Darlene McMartin, President of the National Association of County Veterans Service Officers (NACVSO), Patrick Palmersheim, Director of the Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs, and Elizabeth Ledvina, newly elected President of the Iowa Association of County Commissioners of Veterans Affairs (IACCVA).*



## Iowa Veterans Cemetery

On Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, the Dallas County Board of Supervisors approved a resolution to rename the county road that provides access to the cemetery. The road's name was changed from "R Avenue," to "Veterans Memorial Drive." This new name will be a fitting tribute to the men and women interred at the cemetery and will provide an additional remembrance for those visiting the facility.



*Following the Board of Supervisors' meeting renaming "R Avenue" to "Veterans Memorial Drive." Pictured left to right, Supervisor Mark Hanson, Supervisor Bob Ockerman, Supervisor Brad Golightly, and Cemetery Director Steve Young.*

As of October 22, the Iowa Veterans Cemetery has 22 cremated remains awaiting interment and 295 approved applications.

Construction has been hampered due to consistent rain. However, forms have been placed for pouring concrete at the committal shelter and administration building. The curbing has been completed for the roads and gravel has been laid in preparation for asphalt. There is continuing progress on the removal of dead trees and brush on the cemetery grounds and live trees are being trimmed to beautify the standing groves. ~

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*Recent picture of the cemetery grounds.*

## County Grant Program

The fiscal year 2008 County Grant Program was rolled out on Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> and applications are currently being accepted.

In order to facilitate the new program, the IDVA rules were amended to improve the existing grant program and to reflect current legislation that includes changes to the appropriation for the grant program.

Revisions were also made to provide that beginning with the fiscal year 2009 grant program, funding will be awarded only for the provision of increased services to veterans over and above the services provided in the previous fiscal year. In addition, the new rule establishes an application time line, a process for emergency applications, and a process for applications received after appropriated funding is expended. The rule also clarifies that, beginning with the fiscal year 2008 grant, distributed funds must be expended in the fiscal year in which they are appropriated. Finally, these rules provide clarification on reporting requirements to the department and change the final reporting date for counties to 30 days following the end of the fiscal year from the specific date and year previously required.

IDVA hopes these changes will provide for a clearer process and will facilitate a July 1<sup>st</sup> start date for the fiscal year 2009 program.

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## Veterans Need Study

In September, the Iowa Veterans Commission established a subcommittee to be the point of contact on decisions for the creation of a request for proposal (RFP) for the Veterans Need Study. The “scope of work” for the RFP has been completed, and the final document should be completed by the end of October. ~

This study will be funded through the Commission’s veterans license plates fund and when completed, will provide a comprehensive study on the existing needs and deficiencies of veterans benefits at the local, state, and federal level. ~

## Veterans Trust Fund

The Veterans Trust Fund rules were “Adopted and Filed” with the State of Iowa on October 4<sup>th</sup>. The final rule language will be published in the Administrative Code Bulletin on October 24<sup>th</sup> and will become effective on November 28<sup>th</sup>. ~

IDVA is currently working on the application forms needed to begin distributing these dollars. There will be three separate forms: the first will address all applications that have income and asset limitations, the second will pertain to family and children support units, and the third will be for honor guard reimbursements. These applications will be distributed to counties and the Iowa Veterans Commission in mid November. Completed applications will then be sent to IDVA for an initial screening and recommendation to the Commission. The Commission will then vote on whether to authorize the funds. These votes will take place at regular quarterly Commission meetings or during conference calls, which are open to the public, for the express purpose of voting on trust fund expenditures. ~

## Vietnam Veterans Bonus

As of October 24th, IDVA has received and processed 712 applications for the second Vietnam Bonus Program. The average bonus amount is \$197.17, with sixty-six percent of the applications having been awarded a bonus. To date IDVA has distributed \$87,349.24. ~

## Regional Veterans Affairs

### Offices Study

The input phase from counties for the Regional Offices Study has been completed. To date, the county survey was returned by 66 counties, with some counties providing input from multiple individuals. Also, two meetings were held to receive input and to answer questions. These meetings were held in Clinton County on October 5<sup>th</sup> and in Des Moines during the Fall School of Instruction. Although the responses were mostly opposed to creating regional offices, many counties offered opinions that will help the department craft the report to the legislature. ~

The department will begin drafting the report in conjunction with Workforce Development in the coming weeks for the January 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. ~

## Microsoft Office 2007 Upgrade

Earlier this month, the State of Iowa converted all departments to Microsoft Office 2007. Unfortunately, older versions of Office do not convert the new version’s documents if not saved in a particular way. IDVA is aware of the problem and will strive to ensure that documents sent out will be in the proper form for recipients to read. However, as we are proceeding, if you receive a document that is unreadable, please let us know and we will resend it to you. Thanks for your understanding in this matter. ~

**NEVER IN THE HISTORY OF THE  
WORLD HAS ANY SOLDIER  
SACRIFICED MORE FOR THE  
FREEDOM AND LIBERTY OF  
TOTAL STRANGERS THAN THE  
AMERICAN SOLDIER.**

**— SENATOR ZELL MILLER (D)  
GEORGIA 2004**

## New Veteran License Plates

The 2007 legislature created seven new license plates, including a Gold Star plate and plates for the recipients of the Distinguished Service Cross, the Navy Cross, the Air Force Cross, the Soldier's Medal, the Navy and Marine Corp Cross, or the Airman's Medal. These plates have been designed by the Department of Transportation and will be available beginning January 1, 2008. The plates will cost \$25 with an annual renewal fee of \$5. The plate fees will be placed in the Veterans License Fee Fund. ~

## IDVA Receptionist

Please join IDVA in welcoming Jeanna Hampel as the new receptionist for the department. Jeanna has been working as the temporary assistant for the Iowa Veterans Cemetery since July 1<sup>st</sup>. She took the full time position with the department in mid October. ~

**"Our Liberties we Prize and  
Our Rights we will Maintain."**

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Allamakee	8/10/2007	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$3,168.96	\$6,831.04	\$4,753.44	\$4,753.44	Counseling Services; mileage	Counseling Services, mileage
Appanoose	8/16/2007	\$9,977.00	\$10,000.00	\$1,175.00	\$8,825.00	\$5,674.38	\$5,944.38	vet -rent, transportation, utilities, food/ provisions; increased hours	lease van, office rental - new office, increased hours
Black Hawk	8/14/2007	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$5,548.31	\$4,451.69	\$5,548.31	\$5,290.74	Computer; printers; laptop computer; monitors; training; mileage	Brochures, software, VIMS remote, mileage for outreach
Bremer	8/15/2007	\$10,000.00	\$4,913.51	\$4,913.51	\$0.00	\$4,913.51	\$4,913.51	new staff; increased office hours, software, VIMS, file cabinet	n/a
Buchanan	8/7/2007	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$7,241.13	\$2,758.87	\$7,241.13	\$7,240.53	computer; printer; scanner; desk; fair booth; desk; office equipment; outreach - brochures, folders, vet transportation	Transportation, Education, Outreach
Buena Vista	8/13/2007	\$6,708.06	\$6,708.06	\$0.00	\$6,708.06	\$0.00	\$5,150.00	National training; brochures; flyers; fax machines; computer	training, brochures, flyers, fax machines, computer, office equip, scooter
Calhoun	8/14/2007	\$6,600.00	\$6,847.24	\$6,601.54	\$7,092.94	\$0.00	\$7,100.00	n/a	National training; outreach; laptop & remote printer; chair; vet utility and food asst
Cass	9/4/2007	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$11,385.00	Additional staffing; scanning; filing; nursing home calls; computer; desk; file cabinets; shredder; VIMS Program; copier/fax/scanner	n/a
Cedar	8/9/2007	\$6,244.00	\$6,244.00	\$5,412.21	\$831.79	\$6,244.00	\$6,244.00	training; shredder; file cabinet; label maker; laptop; VIMS maintenance; postage; office supplies; advertising; County fair cost	n/a
Cherokee	8/13/2007	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$7,835.00	\$2,165.00	\$0.00	\$7,835.00	new office supplies- shredder, phone, folders, vacuum, floor mats; training, projector; postage; direct phone line; rent for new office; vet assistance - transportation, food, rent, utility	Computer ; outreach services
Clarke	8/14/2007	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$818.64	\$9,181.36	\$3,379.64	\$3,379.64	Labor; postage; Banner, office supplies; vet transportation, meals, food; outreach; advertising; mileage	training; advertising; postage/ printing; vet - utilities, rent, food, transport; copier



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Clay	6/30/2007	\$49,932.64	\$10,000.00	\$1,289.60	\$8,710.40	\$0.00	\$1,056.18	national training transportation expenses; postage & telephone; VIMS computer support; vet transportation	training; outreach; computer; printer; home visits
Clayton	8/31/2007	\$3,926.23	\$3,926.23	\$3,914.87	\$11.36	\$3,914.87	\$3,914.85	computer and accessories; printer; telephone expense; benefit consultant; cell phone for van appts; brochures; Veterans Day; Office Supplies; mental health consultant costs; Brochures, pens	increase mental health services; increase hours for veteran service officer
Clinton	8/14/2007	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	Director- full time status; health care cost	n/a
Crawford	8/15/2007	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$9,050.09	\$1,076.29	\$10,126.38	\$10,126.38	Computer; printer; Installation of computer/printer; VAMC Medical Van; school; mileage - outreach to home bound veterans; postage; fair booth rental; projector	na
Dallas	8/9/2007	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$1,852.94	\$1,852.94	laptop computer	software, vet- transport asst, advertising
Decatur	8/14/2007	\$7,468.40	\$7,518.40	\$0.00	\$7,518.40	\$1,055.06	\$1,055.06	veteran utility & fuel assistance ; supplies for outreach meeting; mileage; outreach meeting expense; Advertising; Summer school lodging, meal & mileage	advertising; veteran medical assistance; training; outreach meeting; equipment and supplies; postage
Delaware	8/16/2007	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,836.08	\$10,836.08	Computer; vet rent, utilities assistance; training	n/a
Des Moines	8/8/2007	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$1,820.76	\$1,820.76	emergency needs asst - rental, utilities, health, food	Training; financial assistance - rent, utilities, hearing aids, glasses
Dickinson	8/13/2007	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$6,336.97	\$3,663.03	\$7,118.97	\$7,118.97	2 computers; projector; copier/printer; Advertising; Vet rent	advertising; veteran assistance - dental, utility
Dubuque	8/15/2007	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	none	computer, scanner
Emmet	8/14/2007	\$8,387.96	\$8,635.23	\$0.00	\$8,635.23	\$0.00	\$0.00	none	outreach; vet transport; computer & copier; travel for director
Fayette	8/3/2007	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$4,831.00	\$5,169.00	\$7,205.00	\$4,831.00	advertising -magnetic car signs; hanging file; office rent; postage; lodging for training; phone-internet; software; training registrations; file cabinet; rent assistance; utility prmts; vet transportation	advertising-pens, magnetic strips, vet eye/Dental, vet housing, training, postage, radio, scanner/copier/ printer

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Floyd	8/13/2007	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$4,616.17	\$5,383.83	\$4,616.17	\$4,616.17	Education/Training; Vet Transportation and Utilities	part time assistance; cell phone; outreach; fax machine
Franklin	8/15/2007	10,000.00	10,000.00	5,146.47	4,853.53	668.78	5,149.47	vet medical travel; Advertising; computer; printer; vet medications	veteran travel; vet medications; Advertising; computer/ printer
Fremont	8/15/2007	\$6,681.00	\$4,529.13	\$1,028.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,028.00	\$5,707.04	computer; copier/ printer; food pantry	increased office hours
Greene	8/31/2007	\$0.00	\$7,362.48	\$1,864.00	\$5,498.48	\$0.00	\$1,864.00	dental services	Dental services
Guthrie	8/13/2007	\$2,465.00	\$2,718.10	\$2,003.12	\$714.98	\$0.00	\$2,003.12	Computer; printer; vet lodging- transportation; brochure rack	Business cards; Broadcasting - marketing; Vet transportation, Vet utilities & rental assistance
Hancock	8/15/2007	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,986.00	Printer; 2 fireproof cabinets; shredder; Vet transportation, rent & utilities	n/a
Hardin	8/13/2007	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$4,030.27	\$5,969.73	\$9,069.64	\$9,069.64	typewriter; copier; brochures; sign; rental to Legion; new office supplies - Desk & chairs; postage; Vet assistance - rent, food, transportation, utilities	Vet Rental, Utility and food assistance; supplies for new office
Howard	8/16/2007	\$3,146.35	\$3,146.35	\$3,146.35	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,146.35	Office supplies; publication and legal notices; postage & mailing; mileage & subsistence; telephone service; training; office & data processing equipment; dues & memberships; veteran gasoline assistance	n/a
Humboldt	8/15/2007	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$6,045.24	\$3,954.76	\$6,625.24	\$6,625.24	computer; vet travel reimbursement for dialysis; marketing; postage; VIMS program	portable wheelchair ramps; vet - furnace repair; Marketing; vet- transportation assistance
Ida	9/5/2007	\$3,502.00	\$3,762.73	\$2,424.00	\$1,178.00	\$1,178.00	\$2,420.00	phone service; vet assistance - transportation, food, totalities; school expenses; office supplies	As earmarked?
Iowa	8/9/2007	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$18,050.04	Salary for PT Exec director; training; outreach travel; new office equipment/supplies; telephone & internet; vet assistance - rent & utilities	na
Jackson	8/10/2007	\$10,000.00	\$5,243.74	\$5,143.24	\$100.50	\$5,243.74	\$5,279.08	laptop computer; wireless printer; VIMS remote software; DAV Van Program (Dubuque, IA & Savanna, IL); Advertising; mileage; increased hours; file cabinet; office supplies; cell phone	none

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Jefferson	8/15/2007	\$7,100.00	\$7,615.80	\$4,003.40	\$3,612.32	\$5,596.75	\$5,596.75	Copier; printer; scanner; fax; Lateral files; vet assistance - gasoline, rent & utility assistance; increased staff hrs office supplies; chairs; telephone; postage; bulletin board; paper; van lease; arm chairs	rent & utility assistance
Johnson	8/17/2007	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$650.00	\$9,350.00	\$3,785.00	\$3,785.00	Veteran rental assistance	Veteran rental assistance
Kossuth	9/11/2007	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$14,533.15	Legal file cabinets; phone headset; cell phone; car maintenance; increased hours; school; Equipment	n/a
Lee	8/24/2007	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	Rental assistance	n/a
Linn	8/15/2007	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$12,443.00	Vet dental assistance	none
Lucas	8/10/2007	\$5,585.57	\$5,793.36	\$5,793.36	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,793.76	Training; vet assistance - transportation, rent & gas; telephone; lifeline; food vouchers; National Membership Dues	none
Lyon	8/15/2007	\$7,479.44	\$7,479.44	\$0.00	\$7,479.44	\$0.00	\$0.00	none	training; postage; vet assistance - rent, medical, utilities; telephone; copy machine
Mahaska	7/25/2007	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	07 Ford Econoline 8 passenger Club Wagon - DAV Van used to transport for medical treatment	none
Marion	8/17/2007	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	none	vet assistance - food, rental, utilities, pill counters; state training; district 4 conference expense; National school; computer; lap top computer
Marshall	8/9/2007	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$4,731.30	\$4,731.30	2 LDR custom computers; 2 monitors; printer; supplies; lap top; 2 yr warranty on computer; training; VIMS program	Increase in assistants hours; training; filing equipment & furniture
Mills	8/13/2007	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$11,498.33	laptop; training; mileage - schools & grant meeting; Books; CD's; newsletter; VIMS; marketing materials; county website development; vet utility	n/a
Monroe	8/3/2007	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	Medical expenses	none
Montgomery	8/13/2007	\$5,186.01	\$6,004.27	\$4,208.45	\$1,795.82	\$4,589.35	\$5,916.66	supplies; mileage; postage; phone/ internet; education; vet assistance - dental, rent, utility, NACVSO certification	training; marketing supplies; mileage
O'Brien	8/15/2007	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$2,957.00	\$7,043.00	\$3,495.00	\$2,957.03	remote program license; portable printer; training; increased hours	increased hours, computer



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County	Date report received	Requested	Awarded	Spent by 6-30-07	Unspent forward to FY08	Grant spent by Submission	Grant Expenses	Uses - current funds	Uses - carry over funds
Osceola	8/13/2007	\$3,750.00	\$3,750.00	\$2,035.00	\$5,465.00	\$5,465.00	\$3,535.00	computer; printer; supplies; brochures	brochures; website
Plymouth	8/30/2007	\$10,000.00	\$6,965.61	\$0.00	\$6,965.61	\$2,203.74	\$2,263.74	mileage; information - book; district meeting registration; vet - utilities, transportation, rent; business cards; postage; paper shredder	none
Pocahontas	8/9/2007	\$4,642.00	\$8,867.86	\$5,289.82	\$3,578.04	\$5,289.82	\$5,354.00	custodial supplies; general office supplies; magazine & periodicals; postage; mileage & subsistence; telephone services; training; office heat, electric, dues, office equipment & furniture; vet utility assistance	laptop; printer; VIMS program & maintenance; postage; projector; screen & case; office supplies
Pottawattamie	8/6/2007	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$1,445.28	\$8,554.72	\$8,009.19	\$1,990.87	computer; travel-outreach	outreach; education & training; National Guard briefings; add part time receptionist
Poweshiek	9/18/2007	\$6,641.00	\$7,723.00	\$2,034.00	\$5,689.00	\$2,034.00	\$2,034.46	Computer/printer/fax machine	phone bill
Sac	8/15/2007	\$6,646.46	\$6,649.09	\$0.00	\$6,649.09	\$0.00	\$6,649.00	none	van lease; copier; printer; scanner; screen & projector; training; outreach
Scott	9/14/2007	\$10,000.00	\$9,274.65	\$9,274.65	\$0.00	\$9,274.65	\$9,561.78	food for homeless veterans; schools; maintenance & equipment; vet- rental & electrical assistance	School; Homeless and rental assistance
Sioux	8/16/2007	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$3,515.00	\$6,485.00	\$3,515.00	\$3,515.08	New staff & benefits; outreach brochures; office supplies; outreach activities/ education expense	increase hours PT outreach coordinator; school; laptop computer
Tama	8/14/2007	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,018.36	wages - addtl staff and increased hours; computer; printer; postage; mileage; school; dues & membership - cross accreditation; vet transport; office supplies; phone service - vets only; VIMS program	wages; training; vet rental, utilities assistance
Union	8/13/2007	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$720.00	\$720.16	wages - increased hours; advertising; office supplies; vet dental assistance	increase hours of administrative; continued advertising; training; vet dental, utilities, food, transport assistance, home repair

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County	Reports Received by 8-15-07	Requested	Awarded	Spent by 6-30-07	Unspent forward to FY08	Grant spent by Submission	Grant Expenses	Uses - current funds	Uses - carry over funds
Van Buren	8/10/2007	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$7,600.09	\$7,600.90	computer; printer; outreach-nursing services; office supplies; provision of basic needs	continuation of outreach nursing services, health care equipment
Wapello	9/18/2007	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$2,727.00	\$7,273.00	\$3,937.00	\$3,937.00	veteran assistance - food, rent, utility, transportation; Increase hours	additional hours; veteran assistance
Warren	8/14/2007	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$6,584.04	\$6,584.04	printer/scanner/copier/ fax; laptop; projector; VIMS program; computer; rent assistance; mileage	increase hours worked; mileage allowance; rent asst; advertising
Washington	8/13/2007	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$1,782.94	\$4,001.64	Salary increases; Laptop	increased hours; education; outreach; office supplies; telephone/fax; laptop; rent; utilities; postage
Wayne	8/15/2007	\$6,416.49	\$6,416.49	\$0.00	\$6,416.49	\$2,116.91	\$2,117.00	computer; printer; copier/fax	advertising; outreach
Webster	8/13/2007	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$3,952.12	\$6,047.88	\$4,255.79	\$4,255.79	veteran rental, utilities & transportation assistance	add additional staff
Winnebago	8/22/2007	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$13,729.00	Office supplies; vet assistance - prescription, rent & utilities, transport; telephone; copier	n/a
Winneshiek	8/20/2007	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$1,135.00	\$1,135.00	counseling services & mileage; VIMS program	counseling services & mileage, VIMS program
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$618,485.61</b>	<b>\$578,094.77</b>	<b>\$281,468.77</b>	<b>\$307,187.68</b>	<b>\$298,234.61</b>	<b>\$388,022.41</b>		

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Last updated	8/17/2007	Staff Salaries			Grave Markers		Grave Maintenance				
County	Reports Received by 8-15-07	FY07 Budget	Budgeted	Expended	Budgeted	Expended	Budgeted	Expended	Reversion	FY08 Budget	Remaining Funds
Allamakee	y	\$112,638.00	\$42,580.00	\$39,906.53	\$1,755.00	\$1,534.89	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$115,352.00	\$5,246.56
Appanoose	n	\$0.00	\$14,750.00	\$14,800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$750.00	\$499.00	\$0.00	\$42,803.00	\$4,325.62
Black Hawk	y	\$343,713.00	\$150,182.00	\$150,182.00	\$1,000.00	\$49.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$46,604.52	\$380,235.00	\$4,451.69
Bremer	y	\$24,709.00	\$8,050.00	\$8,049.00	\$675.00	\$0.00	\$2,025.00	\$2,025.00	\$5,707.00	\$30,063.00	\$0.00
Buchanan	y	\$47,057.00	\$12,759.00	\$11,821.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,780.00			\$14,132.00	\$47,180.00	\$2,758.87
Buena Vista	y	\$28,904.00	\$7,929.00	\$9,421.59	\$1,000.00	\$1,318.33	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$29,612.00	\$6,708.06
Calhoun	y	\$50,000.00	\$15,600.00	\$14,214.00	\$1,200.00	\$951.00	\$1,200.00	\$951.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	\$6,847.24
Cass	n	\$112,337.00	\$35,469.00	\$35,469.00	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$4,000.00	\$3,120.00	\$27,000.00	\$105,577.00	\$0.00
Cedar	y	\$25,014.00	\$4,272.00	\$4,461.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,373.00	\$300.00	\$2,691.00	\$3,193.00	\$20,334.00	\$0.00
Cherokee	y	\$24,627.00	\$9,900.00	\$10,096.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$112.00	\$29,777.00	\$2,165.00
Clarke	y	\$14,442.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$380.00	\$1,800.81	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,316.86	\$37,595.50	\$6,620.36
Clay	y	\$6,633.00	\$33,949.00	\$33,949.00	\$625.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,401.66	\$68,654.00	\$8,710.40
Clayton	n	\$17,700.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$19,270.00	\$11.36
Clinton	y	\$59,937.00	\$25,709.00	\$25,363.62	\$3,000.00	\$2,361.42	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,141.55	\$60,752.00	\$0.00
Crawford	y	\$26,586.00	\$7,989.00	\$7,826.78	\$600.00	\$533.71	\$3,300.00	\$2,440.00	\$991.51	\$26,175.00	\$0.00
Dallas	y	\$112,425.00	\$23,620.00	\$23,620.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,682.44	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$543.07	\$117,038.00	\$8,147.06
Decatur	y	\$14,579.00	\$3,452.00	\$3,451.64	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$1,338.10	\$15,336.00	\$6,463.34
Delaware	n	\$41,247.00	\$15,257.00	\$15,216.28	\$1,000.00	\$1,925.28	\$1,000.00	\$1,925.28	\$6,000.00	\$45,315.00	\$0.00
Des Moines	y	\$67,525.00	\$13,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$68,410.00	\$8,179.24
Dickinson	y	\$81,621.00	\$35,999.00	\$30,728.35	\$2,000.00	\$1,228.97	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,154.20	\$67,177.00	\$2,881.03
Dubuque	y	\$435,539.00	\$134,660.00	\$135,989.81	\$3,000.00	\$3,914.77	\$0.00	\$560.00	\$36,052.18	\$440,513.00	\$10,000.00
Emmet	y	\$58,438.00	\$0.00	\$28,481.64	\$100.00	\$1,024.97	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fayette	y	\$38,190.00	\$10,000.00	\$9,811.00	\$0.00	\$2,595.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$371.00	\$32,240.00	\$2,795.00
Floyd	n	\$81,175.00	\$28,625.00	\$28,625.00	\$600.00	\$919.32	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$17,765.70	\$82,530.00	\$5,383.83
Franklin	y	\$57,827.00	\$9,500.00	\$10,035.00	\$0.00	\$554.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$57,827.00	\$57,827.00	\$4,184.75
Fremont	y	\$20,902.00	\$5,546.00	\$5,546.00	\$700.00	\$766.70	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,167.13	\$21,420.00	\$3,500.00
Greene	n	\$20,928.00	\$8,128.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$4,460.19	\$21,206.00	\$0.00
Guthrie	y	\$19,101.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	\$997.68	\$0.00	\$408.00	\$12,053.39	\$19,101.00	\$714.98
Hancock	y	\$34,900.00	\$13,900.00	\$11,361.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$989.00	\$25,400.00	\$0.00
Hardin	y	\$65,250.00	\$25,736.00	\$25,740.01	\$1,300.00	\$1,473.55	\$1,300.00	\$1,473.55	\$75,250.00	\$73,654.73	\$930.36
Howard	n	\$31,572.00	\$14,168.00	\$15,810.75	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$42.00	\$6,510.42	\$37,513.00	\$0.00
Humboldt	y	\$46,103.00	\$9,197.51	\$9,861.51	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$434.16	\$10,130.08	\$41,862.00	\$3,374.76
Ida	n	\$32,735.00	\$4,100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$32,644.00	\$1,178.00
Iowa	y	\$20,000.00	\$14,153.00	\$14,152.24	\$710.00	\$0.00	\$1,672.00	\$1,980.00	-\$930.20	\$25,000.00	\$0.00
Jackson	y	\$16,762.00	\$5,650.00	\$5,143.00	\$1,050.00	\$841.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$17,663.00	-\$35.31
Jefferson	y	\$22,899.00	\$6,640.00	\$6,513.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,813.00	\$22,899.00	\$0.00
Johnson	n	\$87,341.00	\$21,483.00	\$21,727.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$90,064.00	\$6,215.00
Kossuth	n	\$58,600.00	\$30,000.00	\$14,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$58,600.00	\$0.00	\$58,600.00	\$0.00
Lee	n	\$103,664.00	\$26,522.00	\$28,520.00	\$150.00	\$970.00	\$5,600.00	\$5,292.00	\$5,062.00	\$100,000.00	\$0.00
Linn	y	\$415,185.00	\$180,764.00	\$187,319.00	\$13,125.00	\$10,184.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,193.00	\$408,006.00	\$0.00
Lucas	y	\$31,460.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,608.00	\$2,500.00	\$1,929.36	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$31,370.00	\$0.00
Lyon	y	\$35,355.00	\$9,830.00	\$10,210.00	\$1,000.00	\$903.28	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$36,350.00	\$7,479.44
Mahaska	y	\$74,401.00	\$11,648.00	\$9,628.00	\$1,450.00	\$2,925.77	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40,952.31	\$74,484.00	\$0.00
Marion	n	\$59,422.00	\$19,096.00	\$19,096.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,442.89	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,789.00	\$64,883.00	\$10,000.00
Marshall	y	\$66,351.00	\$39,651.00	\$38,869.19	\$500.00	\$228.05	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$78,420.00	\$5,268.70
Mills	y	\$28,250.00	\$13,732.00	\$13,732.00	\$1,050.00	\$1,311.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,575.00	\$28,385.00	\$0.00
Monroe	y	\$0.00	\$32,500.00	\$32,479.00	\$10,000.00	\$5,319.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,000.00	\$86,250.00	\$0.00
Montgomery	y	\$26,136.00	\$12,212.00	\$12,696.65	\$500.00	\$607.47	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,155.56	\$27,947.00	\$1,414.92



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O'Brien	y	\$46,147.00	\$23,160.00	\$23,263.00	\$1,000.00	\$992.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,800.00	\$51,278.00	\$6,505.00
Osceola	y	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Plymouth	n	\$21,573.00	\$7,900.00	\$8,134.49	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,256.91	\$22,872.00	\$0.00
Pocahontas	y	\$38,681.00	\$16,923.00	\$16,553.83	\$750.00	\$871.79	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.36	\$39,768.00	\$3,578.04
Pottawattamie	y	\$225,306.00	\$117,146.00	\$115,110.00	\$1,800.00	\$949.28	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$23,254.31	\$234,667.00	\$217,939.55
Poweshiek	n	\$34,491.00	\$8,302.00	\$8,602.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$34,936.00	\$5,689.00
Sac	y	\$0.00	\$22,315.00	\$22,315.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,839.00	\$44,482.00	\$6,649.09
Scott	n	\$124,704.00	\$62,229.00	\$36,603.02	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$117,152.00	\$0.00
Sioux	n	\$28,200.00	\$7,500.00	\$5,488.00	\$1,500.00	\$950.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	\$36,450.00	\$0.00
Tama	y	\$47,840.00	\$17,731.00	\$20,183.33	\$617.00	\$1,408.24	\$4,112.00	\$5,508.00	\$0.00	\$55,965.00	\$0.00
Union	y	\$47,175.00	\$14,100.00	\$13,039.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$998.00	\$6,429.00	\$59,225.00	\$9,280.00
Van Buren	y	\$21,075.00	\$900.00	\$2,555.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$815.00	\$21,775.00	\$2,399.91
Wapello	n	\$75,489.00	\$16,040.00	\$16,875.00	\$1,278.00	\$990.00	\$1,222.00	\$1,222.00	\$5,000.00	\$80,488.00	\$6,063.00
Warren	y	\$94,116.00	\$31,236.00	\$31,528.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,448.31	\$4,500.00	\$4,073.60	\$5,659.76	\$97,032.00	\$3,415.96
Washington	y	\$37,763.00	\$12,041.00	\$10,611.23	\$0.00	\$442.98	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,319.39	\$38,238.00	\$8,217.06
Wayne	y	\$19,182.00	\$8,582.00	\$8,553.00	\$1,000.00	\$851.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,416.49	\$19,182.00	\$4,302.00
Webster	y	\$44,200.00	\$2,400.00	\$5,180.00	\$6,000.00	\$2,523.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$58,900.00	\$53,400.00	\$5,744.21
Winnebago	n	\$34,450.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$1,300.00	\$2,250.57	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$34,450.00	\$0.00
Winneshie	n	\$89,031.00	\$39,476.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$129.72	\$5,700.00	\$6,127.00	\$0.00	\$116,482.00	\$8,865.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>\$4,229,603.50</b>	<b>\$1,575,588.51</b>	<b>\$1,498,124.49</b>	<b>\$83,965.00</b>	<b>\$76,814.95</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$100,369.59</b>	<b>\$575,511.45</b>	<b>\$4,570,729.23</b>	<b>\$424,568.08</b>

**GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF VA EXPENDITURES FOR FY 2006**

**IOWA**

**Expenditures in \$000**

<b>COUNTY</b>	<b>Veteran Population*</b>	<b>Compensation &amp; Pension</b>	<b>Education &amp; Voc Rehab</b>	<b>Medical Expenditures</b>
ADAIR	875	749	19	1,536
ADAMS	374	429	35	751
ALLAMAKEE	1,473	1,479	45	1,672
APPANOOSE	1,071	1,854	48	1,921
AUDUBON	588	754	2	931
BENTON	2,276	2,084	152	2,643
BLACK HAWK	11,496	9,834	1,077	7,321
BOONE	2,339	2,095	259	1,984
BREMER	2,068	1,273	87	843
BUCHANAN	1,786	1,336	99	1,621
BUENA VISTA	1,467	1,513	45	1,298
BUTLER	1,359	1,024	38	1,280
CALHOUN	1,232	1,108	35	1,642
CARROLL	1,840	1,760	50	1,510
CASS	1,264	1,826	106	1,459
CEDAR	1,786	1,252	179	2,172
CERRO GORDO	3,975	6,159	289	5,325
CHEROKEE	1,073	1,168	39	1,328
CHICKASAW	1,173	912	52	1,107
CLARKE	769	969	30	1,067
CLAY	1,656	1,817	80	1,995
CLAYTON	1,826	1,882	102	2,520
CLINTON	4,841	4,241	168	6,115
CRAWFORD	1,408	1,479	24	1,674
DALLAS	3,442	2,989	294	4,157
DAVIS	685	1,064	91	773
DECATUR	699	668	25	1,317
DELAWARE	1,407	1,217	31	1,412
DES MOINES	3,998	3,659	225	4,620
DICKINSON	1,768	1,586	49	2,281
DUBUQUE	7,644	8,841	464	6,615
EMMET	914	1,085	28	1,314
FAYETTE	1,851	1,721	154	1,979
FLOYD	1,540	1,882	124	1,367
FRANKLIN	1,050	920	15	1,215
FREMONT	813	1,202	64	1,076
GREENE	827	1,031	66	927
GRUNDY	1,153	843	110	780
GUTHRIE	1,090	814	34	1,084
HAMILTON	1,353	1,361	56	1,353
HANCOCK	1,159	1,063	20	1,023

HARDIN	1,704	1,539	80	2,195
HARRISON	1,547	1,792	74	2,403
HENRY	1,538	1,628	61	2,007
HOWARD	841	1,060	30	1,063
HUMBOLDT	921	847	41	1,099
IDA	794	493	10	695
IOWA	1,392	1,214	34	2,900
JACKSON	2,078	2,286	96	2,349
JASPER	3,180	2,798	113	3,582
JEFFERSON	1,364	1,041	49	1,628
JOHNSON	6,913	6,469	1,322	11,170
JONES	2,196	1,670	95	2,423
KEOKUK	958	1,110	71	2,444
KOSSUTH	1,562	1,312	121	1,746
LEE	3,840	3,510	142	5,303
LINN	18,583	14,301	1,465	20,678
LOUISA	942	946	26	1,548
LUCAS	718	1,052	24	1,605
LYON	766	1,149	45	1,581
MADISON	1,430	1,241	99	1,452
MAHASKA	1,804	2,159	89	3,193
MARION	3,029	5,829	258	18,608
MARSHALL	3,531	10,102	157	13,357
MILLS	1,643	2,244	292	1,371
MITCHELL	999	1,438	99	1,237
MONONA	1,150	1,092	16	1,467
MONROE	676	1,425	25	2,052
MONTGOMERY	1,012	1,358	85	1,230
MUSCATINE	3,406	2,176	148	3,661
O'BRIEN	1,330	1,395	72	1,958
OSCEOLA	631	471	14	851
PAGE	1,641	1,868	61	1,662
PALO ALTO	931	1,016	74	1,278
PLYMOUTH	2,498	1,508	67	1,806
POCAHONTAS	1,058	952	15	1,177
POLK	29,000	34,496	2,403	50,936
POTTAWATTAMIE	8,682	12,238	761	12,771
POWESHIEK	1,566	1,453	91	2,000
RINGGOLD	576	649	2	588
SAC	1,180	1,059	19	1,008
SCOTT	14,501	11,805	1,270	12,574
SHELBY	1,270	1,629	34	1,441
SIOUX	2,015	1,543	69	2,114
STORY	5,591	3,309	1,046	3,578
TAMA	1,769	1,613	48	2,423
TAYLOR	638	848	9	873
UNION	1,283	1,406	101	1,625
VAN BUREN	701	756	30	857



WAPELLO	3,811	4,207	242	5,157
WARREN	3,662	3,960	271	6,288
WASHINGTON	1,581	1,318	66	2,368
WAYNE	575	903	6	1,556
WEBSTER	3,402	3,736	237	4,034
WINNEBAGO	1,068	1,355	49	980
WINNESHIEK	1,449	1,347	50	1,095
WOODBURY	8,589	7,929	390	8,124
WORTH	818	721	21	776
WRIGHT	1,117	1,040	20	1,478
IOWA (Totals)	254,855	262,756	17,617	334,432

Notes:

\* Veteran population estimated as of September 30, 2006. Data from Office of the Actuary, VA. Data is unrounded.

Expenditures presented at the county level for Compensation, Pension, Education, and Voc Rehab reflect the dollar value of actual payments made to individuals.

The C&P category includes expenditures for the following programs: veterans' compensation for service-connected disability; dependency and indemnity compensation for service-connected deaths; veterans' pension for nonservice-connected disabilities; and pension to veterans' surviving spouse and children.

Medical Expenditure includes medical services, medical administration, facility maintenance cost, educational support, research support, and other overhead items. Medical Expenditure does not include construction or other non-medical support activities.

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1 1 HOUSE FILE 817  
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1 3 AN ACT  
1 4 CONCERNING THE FLAG AND VETERANS BY PROVIDING FOR A STUDY OF  
1 5 REGIONAL VETERANS AFFAIRS OFFICES, PROVIDING FOR THE DUTIES  
1 6 OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND THE COMMISSION ON  
1 7 VETERANS AFFAIRS, PROHIBITING CERTAIN ACTS INVOLVING THE  
1 8 FLAG, ESTABLISHING A COUNSELING PROGRAM FOR VETERANS, AND  
1 9 PROVIDING A PENALTY.  
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1 11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
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1 13 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 35.12 VETERANS COUNSELING  
1 14 PROGRAM.  
1 15 1. The department shall coordinate with United States  
1 16 veterans administration hospitals, health care facilities, and  
1 17 clinics in this state and the department of public health to  
1 18 provide assistance to veterans and their families to reduce  
1 19 the incidence of alcohol and chemical dependency and suicide  
1 20 among veterans and to make mental health counseling available  
1 21 to veterans.  
1 22 2. The assistance program shall include but not be limited  
1 23 to the following:  
1 24 a. Public education and awareness programs for veterans,  
1 25 health care professionals, and the public, relative to the  
1 26 needs of veterans.  
1 27 b. Referral services to identify appropriate counseling  
1 28 and treatment programs for veterans in need of services.  
1 29 3. Any assistance program established pursuant to this  
1 30 section shall be implemented in a manner that does not  
1 31 duplicate other services readily available to veterans.  
1 32 Sec. 2. Section 35A.2, subsection 1, Code 2007, is amended  
1 33 to read as follows:  
1 34 1. A commission of veterans affairs is created consisting  
1 35 of nine persons who shall be appointed by the governor,  
2 1 subject to confirmation by the senate. Members shall be  
2 2 appointed to staggered terms of four years beginning and  
2 3 ending as provided in section 69.19. The governor shall fill  
2 4 a vacancy for the unexpired portion of the term. In addition  
2 5 to the members appointed by the governor, the director of the  
2 6 department and the commandant of the Iowa veterans home shall  
2 7 serve as nonvoting, ex officio members of the commission.  
2 8 Sec. 3. Section 35A.3, subsections 2 and 3, Code 2007, are  
2 9 amended by striking the subsections and inserting in lieu  
2 10 thereof the following:  
2 11 2. Review proposed rules submitted by the department  
2 12 concerning the management and operation of the department.  
2 13 Unless the commission votes to disapprove a proposed rule on a  
2 14 two-thirds vote at the earlier of the next regularly scheduled  
2 15 meeting of the commission or a special meeting of the

2 16 commission called by the commission within thirty days of the  
2 17 date the proposed rule is submitted, the department may  
2 18 proceed to adopt the rule.

2 19 3. a. Advise and make recommendations to the department,  
2 20 the general assembly, and the governor, concerning issues  
2 21 involving and impacting veterans in this state.

2 22 b. Advise and make recommendations to the general assembly  
2 23 and the governor concerning the management and operation of  
2 24 the department.

2 25 Sec. 4. Section 35A.5, Code 2007, is amended by adding the  
2 26 following new subsections:

2 27 NEW SUBSECTION. 0A. Maintain and disseminate information  
2 28 to veterans and the public regarding facilities, benefits, and  
2 29 services available to veterans and their families and assist  
2 30 veterans and their families in obtaining such benefits and  
2 31 services.

2 32 NEW SUBSECTION. 12. Adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A  
2 33 and establish policy for the management and operation of the  
2 34 department. Prior to adopting rules, the department shall  
2 35 submit proposed rules to the commission for review pursuant to  
3 1 the requirements of section 35A.3.

3 2 NEW SUBSECTION. 13. Provide information requested by the  
3 3 commission concerning the management and operation of the  
3 4 department and the programs administered by the department.

3 5 Sec. 5. Section 35A.5, subsection 8, Code 2007, is amended  
3 6 to read as follows:

3 7 8. Provide After consultation with the commission, provide  
3 8 training to executive directors of county commissions of  
3 9 veteran affairs pursuant to section 35B.6. The ~~commission~~  
3 10 department may adopt rules in accordance with chapter 17A to  
3 11 provide for training of county veteran affairs executive  
3 12 directors.

3 13 Sec. 6. Section 35A.8, subsection 4, paragraph a, Code  
3 14 2007, is amended to read as follows:

3 15 a. The executive director shall provide for the  
3 16 administration of the bonus authorized in this subsection.  
3 17 The ~~commission~~ department shall adopt rules, pursuant to  
3 18 chapter 17A, as necessary to administer this subsection  
3 19 including, but not limited to, application procedures,  
3 20 investigation, approval or disapproval, and payment of claims.

3 21 Sec. 7. Section 35A.13, subsection 6, Code 2007, is  
3 22 amended to read as follows:

3 23 6. It is the intent of the general assembly that beginning  
3 24 with the fiscal year beginning July 1, ~~2007~~ 2008,  
3 25 appropriations be made annually to the veterans trust fund.  
3 26 Prior to any additional appropriations to this fund, the  
3 27 ~~commission~~ department shall provide the general assembly with  
3 28 information identifying immediate and long-term veteran  
3 29 services throughout the state and a plan for delivering those  
3 30 services.

3 31 Sec. 8. Section 36.1, subsection 3, Code 2007, is amended  
3 32 by striking the subsection.

3 33 Sec. 9. Section 36.8, Code 2007, is amended to read as  
3 34 follows:

3 35 36.8 RULES.

4 1 The ~~commission~~ department shall adopt rules pursuant to  
4 2 chapter 17A to implement this chapter.

4 3 Sec. 10. Section 36.9, Code 2007, is amended to read as  
4 4 follows:

4 5 36.9 APPROPRIATIONS.

4 6 This chapter shall be implemented by the ~~commission~~  
4 7 department each fiscal year that appropriations are made to  
4 8 ~~the commission~~ department for the implementation.

4 9 Sec. 11. Section 135.20, subsection 2, unnumbered  
4 10 paragraph 1, Code 2007, is amended to read as follows:

4 11 The information to be distributed shall be determined by  
4 12 the department by rule, in consultation with the ~~commission~~  
4 13 department of veterans affairs. The information shall, at a  
4 14 minimum, contain statements indicating that:

4 15 Sec. 12. Section 135.20, subsection 2, unnumbered  
4 16 paragraph 2, Code 2007, is amended to read as follows:

4 17 The information shall also present treatment options and  
4 18 shall specify a procedure to be followed for veterans desiring  
4 19 a medical consultation for screening and treatment purposes.  
4 20 The department shall cooperate with the ~~state commission~~  
4 21 department of veterans affairs regarding distribution of the  
4 22 information to the veterans home, the county commissions of  
4 23 veteran affairs, veterans hospitals, and other appropriate  
4 24 points of distribution.

4 25 Sec. 13. NEW SECTION. 718A.0A DEFINITIONS.

4 26 As used in this section:

4 27 1. "Contempt" means an intentional lack of respect or  
4 28 reverence by treating in a rough manner.

4 29 2. "Deface" means to intentionally mar the external  
4 30 appearance.

4 31 3. "Defile" means to intentionally make physically  
4 32 unclean.

4 33 4. "Mutilate" means to intentionally cut up or alter so as  
4 34 to make imperfect.

4 35 5. "Trample" means to intentionally tread upon or  
5 1 intentionally cause a machine, vehicle, or animal to tread  
5 2 upon.

5 3 Sec. 14. NEW SECTION. 718A.7 RETIREMENT CEREMONY.

5 4 This chapter does not apply to a flag retirement ceremony  
5 5 conducted pursuant to federal law.

5 6 Sec. 15. Section 723.4, subsection 6, Code 2007, is  
5 7 amended to read as follows:

5 8 6. a. Knowingly and publicly uses the flag of the United  
5 9 States in such a manner as to show disrespect for the flag as  
5 10 a symbol of the United States, with the intent or reasonable  
5 11 expectation that such use will provoke or encourage another to  
5 12 commit a ~~public offense~~ trespass or assault.

5 13 b. As used in this section:

5 14 (1) "Show disrespect" means to deface, defile, mutilate,  
5 15 or trample.

5 16 (2) "Deface" means to intentionally mar the external  
5 17 appearance.

5 18 (3) "Defile" means to intentionally make physically  
5 19 unclean.

5 20 (4) "Flag" means a piece of woven cloth or other material  
5 21 designed to be flown from a pole or mast.

5 22 (5) "Mutilate" means to intentionally cut up or alter so  
5 23 as to make imperfect.

5 24 (6) "Trample" means to intentionally tread upon or

5 25 intentionally cause a machine, vehicle, or animal to tread  
5 26 upon.

5 27 c. This subsection does not apply to a flag retirement  
5 28 ceremony conducted pursuant to federal law.

5 29 Sec. 16. VETERANS COUNSELING PROGRAM REPORT. The director  
5 30 of the department of veterans affairs shall submit a report to  
5 31 the members of the general assembly by January 15, 2008,  
5 32 regarding the administration of the veterans counseling  
5 33 program established pursuant to section 35.12, as enacted by  
5 34 this Act.

5 35 Sec. 17. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS == REGIONAL  
6 1 VETERANS AFFAIRS OFFICES STUDY. The department of veterans  
6 2 affairs shall conduct a study and develop a plan, in  
6 3 collaboration with the department of workforce development, to  
6 4 provide regional coverage for veterans affairs services. The  
6 5 plan shall provide for the colocation of department of  
6 6 veterans affairs staff in workforce development regional  
6 7 offices to provide direct services to underserved veterans  
6 8 throughout the state. The plan shall foster the development  
6 9 of the county veteran affairs offices, yet ensure coverage  
6 10 where county services are not readily available. The  
6 11 department of veterans affairs and the department of workforce  
6 12 development shall evaluate the personnel needs to serve  
6 13 veterans within the regions, and identify the most efficient  
6 14 use of state, local, and federal resources to serve the most  
6 15 veterans in each region. The plan shall also consider  
6 16 strategies to request a waiver on the use of federal workforce  
6 17 development funds to increase state flexibility to utilize the  
6 18 funds in the most efficient ways to serve veterans. The  
6 19 department of veterans affairs shall submit to the general  
6 20 assembly by January 1, 2008, the results of its study,  
6 21 including its recommended plan to provide improved regional  
6 22 coverage for veterans services.

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6 26 PATRICK J. MURPHY  
6 27 Speaker of the House

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6 31 JOHN P. KIBBIE  
6 32 President of the Senate

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6 34 I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and  
6 35 is known as House File 817, Eighty=second General Assembly.

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7 4 MARK BRANDSGARD  
7 5 Chief Clerk of the House

7 6 Approved \_\_\_\_\_, 2007

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7 10 CHESTER J. CULVER

7 11 Governor



